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**RE: APPLICATION SERIAL NO.: 09/657,276 filed 9/7/2000**

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**ENCLOSURE: DRAFT Response to Office Action of July 2, 2003, for your Telephonic Interview scheduled for October 7, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T.**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**  
**Dominique P. BRIDON et al.**

**Application No.: 09/657,276**

**Group Art Unit: 1653**

**Filed: September 7, 2000**

**Examiner: S. Snedden**

**For: PROTECTION OF ENDOGENOUS  
THERAPEUTIC PEPTIDES FROM  
PEPTIDASE ACTIVITY THROUGH  
CONJUGATION TO BLOOD COMPONENTS**

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**MAIL STOP: Non-Fee Amendment**  
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**Dear Sir :**

**In preparation for the telephonic interview scheduled for October 7, 2003, at 1 :00 p.m.**

**E.S.T., Applicants submit the following DRAFT Amendment for discussion purposes only.**

**Applicants will submit a finalized Amendment after completion of the telephonic interview.**

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